



WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good with 93 percent of the fourth cutting complete and 55 percent of the fifth cutting complete. Corn conditions were mostly good with 83 percent dough, 56 percent dent and 8 percent mature. Corn harvested for silage was at 31 percent. Cotton conditions were mostly good with 82 percent setting bolls and 16 percent bolls opening. Irrigated sorghum conditions were mostly good with 92 percent headed, 36 percent coloring and 1 percent mature. Dry sorghum conditions were mostly fair to good with 79 percent headed and 24 percent coloring. Apple conditions were good. Chile conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 70 percent harvested. Lettuce conditions were mostly good with 58 percent planted.

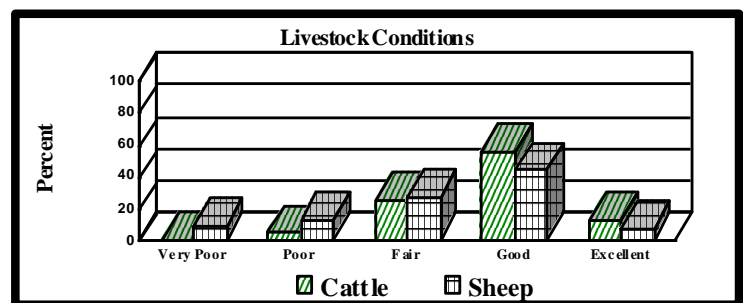
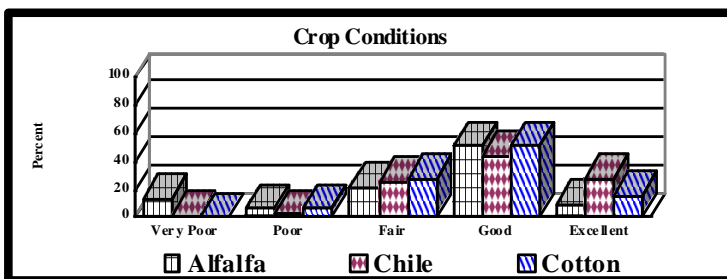
Peanut conditions were mostly good with 93 percent pegging. Pecan conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Cattle conditions were mostly good. Sheep conditions were mostly good to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly good to fair. There were 7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 14 percent very short, 31 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Wind damage was 6 percent light and 10 percent moderate with 8 percent cotton damaged by wind to date. There was no hail damage this week.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	4 th Cutting	93	80	94	93
Alfalfa	5 th Cutting	55	25	42	48
Chile	Harvested	70	41	74	68
Corn	Mature	8	5	20	29
Corn	Dough	83	63	87	94
Corn	Dent	56	36	46	58
Cotton	Opening	16	14	25	23
Cotton	Set bolls	82	66	80	96
Lettuce	Planted	58	53	43	84
Peanut	Pegging	93	86	84	96
Sorghum	Headed	84	72	91	75
Sorghum	Coloring	28	21	18	30

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	13	6	21	51	9
Apple	-	-	-	100	-
Chile	1	2	25	44	28
Corn	-	1	16	51	32
Cotton	-	6	27	51	16
Lettuce	11	-	20	69	-
Peanut	-	-	21	78	1
Pecans	-	3	21	47	29
Sorghum	-	-	38	52	10
Cattle	-	5	26	56	13
Sheep	9	13	26	44	8



County Reporter Comments:

Guadalupe Range and Pasture Conditions are doing great. We could use more rain; it has become a little dry. Ranchers are beginning to sell their calves and cull herds. Farmers are harvesting their crops and produce. Some are preparing to plant or have planted their fall crops; winter wheat, alfalfa, and permanent pasture. **Grant** Fall shipping has started, but on a limited basis. Cattle for the most part are gaining weight. Still some isolated areas receiving little rainfall. **Curry** Better conditions for alfalfa harvest this week.

Corn and grain sorghum conditions were very favorable; Silage harvest in progress. Range and cattle conditions good to excellent; some calves sold and shipped. Stocker cattle and calf weights are above previous years averages. **Catron/Socorro** Growing conditions remain favorable for all crop weights. Farmers are busy with green Chile harvest and hay activities. Cattle and range conditions are in very good shape, except for a few isolated dry areas primarily located in south-east Socorro County. Nighttime temperatures are dropping in Catron County.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	37	33	29	1
Northeast	5	41	54	-
Southwest	2	19	69	10
Southeast	18	23	58	1
State Current	14	31	53	2
State-Last Week	4	27	60	9
State-Last Year	-	-	-	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	-	-	-	-

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	16	52	22	10	-
Northeast	1	9	47	39	4
Southwest	-	1	30	53	16
Southeast	-	4	29	56	11
State Current	3	14	35	41	7
State-Last Week	5	9	33	42	11
State-Last Year	-	-	-	-	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	-	-	-	-	-

WEATHER SUMMARY

The temperatures during the week were mostly above normal. A few thunderstorms moving through Ruidoso around 2:00 a.m. produced a quick 0.27 inches of rainfall and 0.55 inches at Cloudcroft Tuesday morning. A strong back door front moved

into the plains and pushed through central mountain chain Thursday evening and into Friday bringing breezy to windy conditions. The weekend was quiet with hot afternoon temperatures in most areas.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Accum.</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Normal</u>
				30 Aug 05 Sept	01 Sept 05 Sept	01 Jan 05 Sept	Sept	Jan-Sept
Northwest								
Albuquerque	75.9	92	59	0.00	0.00	5.77	1.00	7.06
Chama	59.8	87	38	0.57	0.00	15.93	2.23	16.13
Farmington	69.4	88	46	0.00	0.00	8.17	0.97	6.33
Gallup	66.2	86	43	0.02	0.02	7.53	1.31	9.67
Grants	65.0	88	40	0.04	0.04	7.89	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	64.7	86	42	0.00	0.00	7.09	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	66.1	84	50	0.02	0.00	12.27	2.12	15.30
Red River	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	66.2	87	45	0.07	0.00	11.59	1.51	11.54
Northeast								
Capulin	66.7	90	37	0.00	0.00	11.19	2.22	15.30
Clayton	74.6	99	46	0.01	0.00	13.64	1.77	13.38
Clovis	75.0	97	53	0.00	0.00	8.98	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	67.6	87	45	0.15	0.00	8.81	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	64.4	88	40	0.00	0.00	10.77	1.61	10.67
Raton	69.1	94	45	0.11	0.00	14.21	1.61	14.64
Roy	70.7	93	44	0.00	0.00	9.73	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	76.0	98	55	0.17	0.00	11.09	1.47	12.45
Southwest								
Animas	73.1	92	46	0.74	0.00	9.76	1.68	8.76
Deming	77.6	98	57	0.00	0.00	7.58	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	70.3	91	48	0.00	0.00	12.58	1.95	12.74
Quemado	62.1	85	36	0.01	0.01	5.19	1.73	11.41
Socorro	76.4	96	59	0.00	0.00	2.66	1.53	7.37
T or C	76.8	94	60	0.29	0.00	6.42	1.08	7.67
Southeast								
Alamogordo	78.4	97	59	0.01	0.00	10.63	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	76.8	100	57	0.08	0.07	11.59	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	72.4	93	51	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	78.0	96	62	0.71	0.00	12.29	1.36	7.28
Roswell	75.4	98	55	0.47	0.10	12.72	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	68.9	85	50	0.37	0.00	16.80	2.50	17.53
Tatum	78.3	100	51	0.07	0.00	9.00	2.36	13.53

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.